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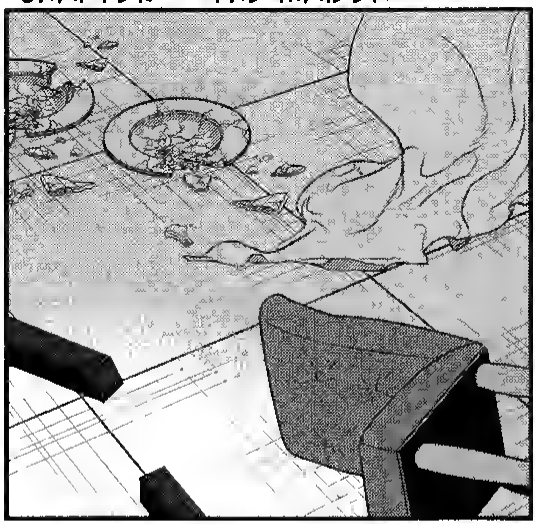

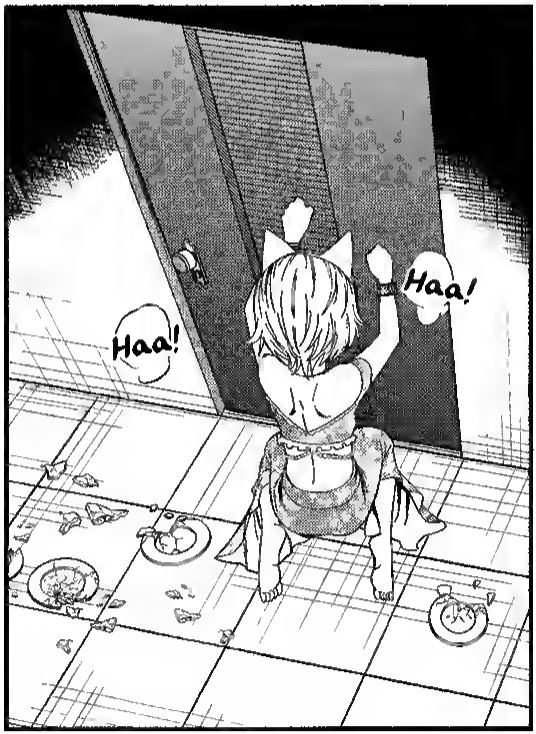
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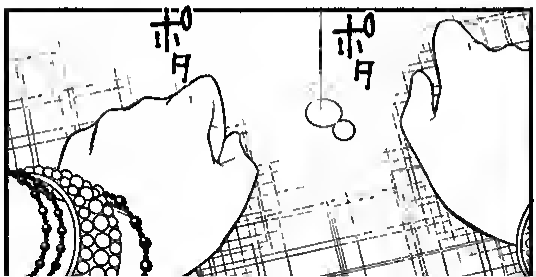
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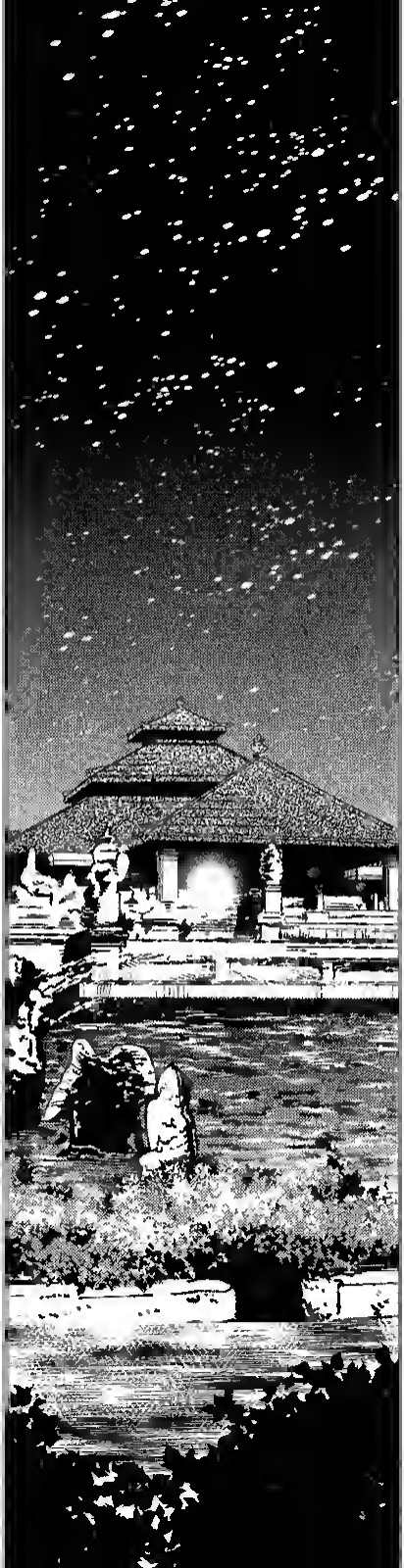
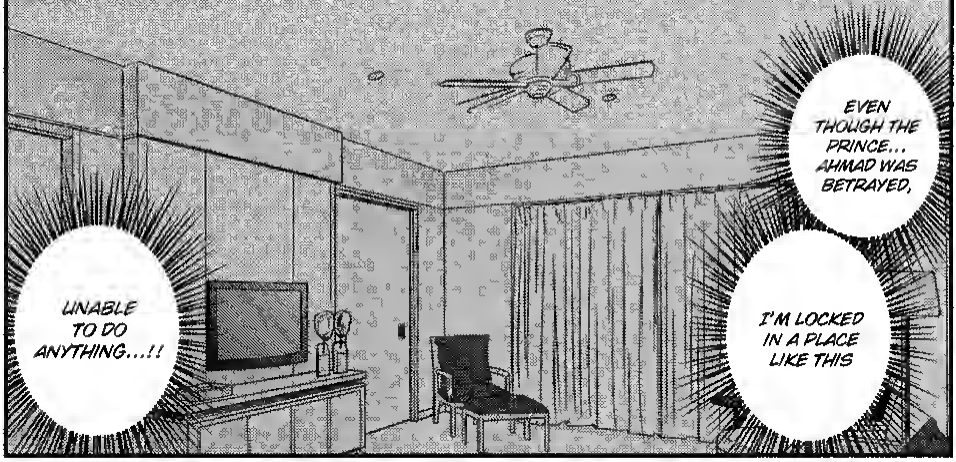


DAMN IT...!
DAMN IT...!


EVEN THOUGH THE PRINCE... AHMAD WAS BETRAYED,
I'M LOCKED IN A PLACE LIKE THIS
UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING...!!

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Knock
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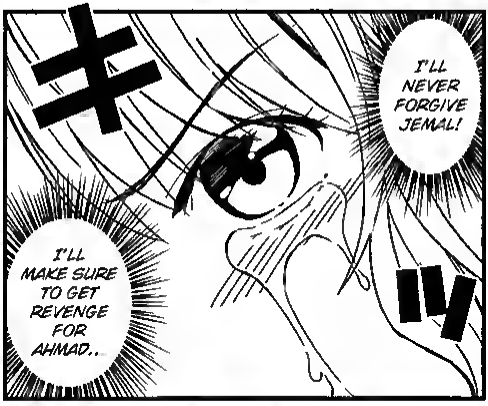
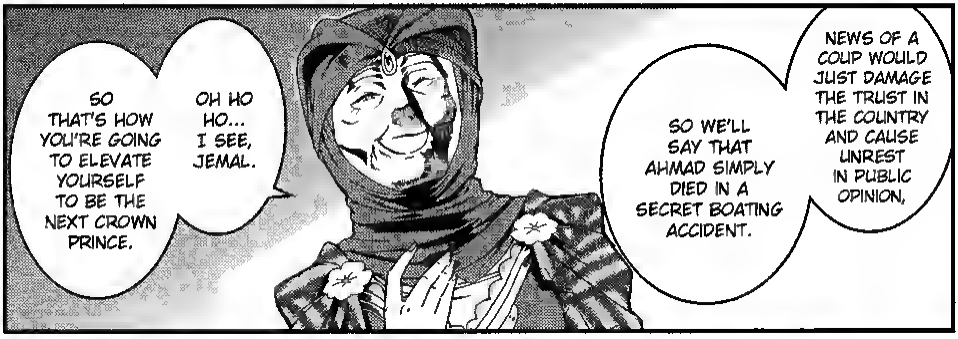

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE JEMAL!
I'LL MAKE SURE TO GET REVENGE FOR AHMAD..

SUNI...!!

NAO-SAMA...

ARE YOU OKAY, NAO-SAMA?
WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET?
YO...YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!?
THE PRINCE... THE PRINCE...
R... RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...
WAIT A SECOND, NAO-SAMA!
THE TRUTH IS, EARLIER...
CROWN PRINCE AHMAD
WAS ASSASSI-NATED..!?
WH...
WHAT DID YOU SAY...!?

WELL THEN MALIKA, AS WE DISCUSSED,
LET'S THROW AHMAD'S CORPSE IN THE OCEAN!

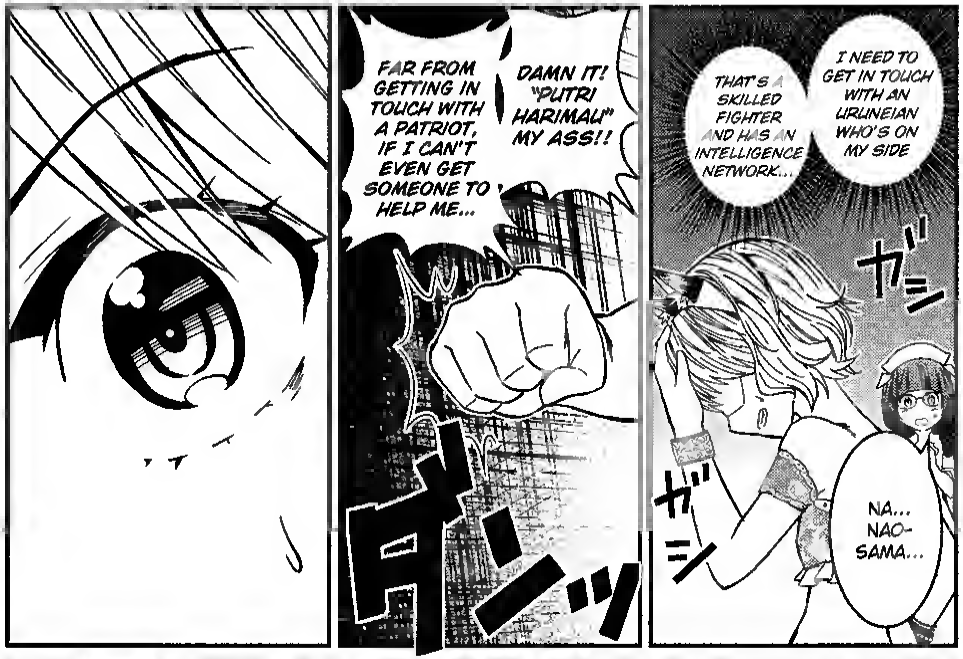

NEWS OF A COUP WOULD JUST DAMAGE THE TRUST IN THE COUNTRY AND CAUSE UNREST IN PUBLIC OPINION,
SO WE'LL SAY THAT AHMAD SIMPLY DIED IN A SECRET BOATING ACCIDENT.
OH HO HO... I SEE, JEMAL.
SO THAT'S HOW YOU'RE GOING TO ELEVATE YOURSELF TO BE THE NEXT CROWN PRINCE.

Mpf!
BE CAREFUL WITH WHAT YOU SAY...
YOUR FUTURE IS UP TO ME, YOU OLD BAG!
THEY DON'T CALL YOU THE BLACK PRINCE FOR...

EITHER YOU MAINTAIN YOUR PRESTIGE AS THE QUEEN MOTHER, OR YOU DIE AS JUST ANOTHER OLD BAG...
ONCE I GET THE SUPPORT OF THE 24 NOBLE FAMILIES AFTER MY ENTHRONEMENT AS THE CROWN PRINCE,
I'LL LET YOU TAKE CARE OF THE INNER PALACE AS PROMISED.
IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH, YOU OLD CRONE!!
OOMPF!
I...I UNDER-STAND...
QUEEN MOTHER!
ARE YOU OKAY!?
I KNEW SHE WAS SOFT...
LET'S PUT AHMAD ON A BOAT AND BLOW IT UP!
AS YOU WISH...

AHMAD...
MIGHT BE ALIVE...!?
YES... WHILE I WAS WORKING,
I HAPPENED TO SEE SOMEONE BEING CARRIED AND LOOKED AT BY A DOCTOR...
IT WAS ONLY FOR AN INSTANT, BUT I'M CERTAIN

THAT I SAW THE WRATH SCALE ON HIS FOREHEAD...!
I...I DON'T KNOW...
BUT I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT A BOAT...
WHERE'S AHMAD!?
WHERE DID THEY GO!?
HI
I CAN SAVE HER
AS LONG AS THERE'S EVEN A 1% CHANCE!!
THEN... IN THAT CASE,
IF SHE WAS DEAD, THERE WOULDN'T BE A DOCTOR...
YEAH RIGHT! JAPAN CAN'T GET INVOLVED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S REBELLION...
AND EVEN IF I COULD CALL HIM, COULD HE DO ANYTHING?
I CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH DAD,
BUT HOW?


I NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH AN URUNEIAN WHO'S ON MY SIDE
THAT'S A SKILLED FIGHTER AND HAS AN INTELLIGENCE NETWORK...
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NA... NAO-SAMA...
DAMN IT! "PUTRI HARIMAU" MY ASS!!
FAR FROM GETTING IN TOUCH WITH A PATRIOT, IF I CAN'T EVEN GET SOMEONE TO HELP ME...
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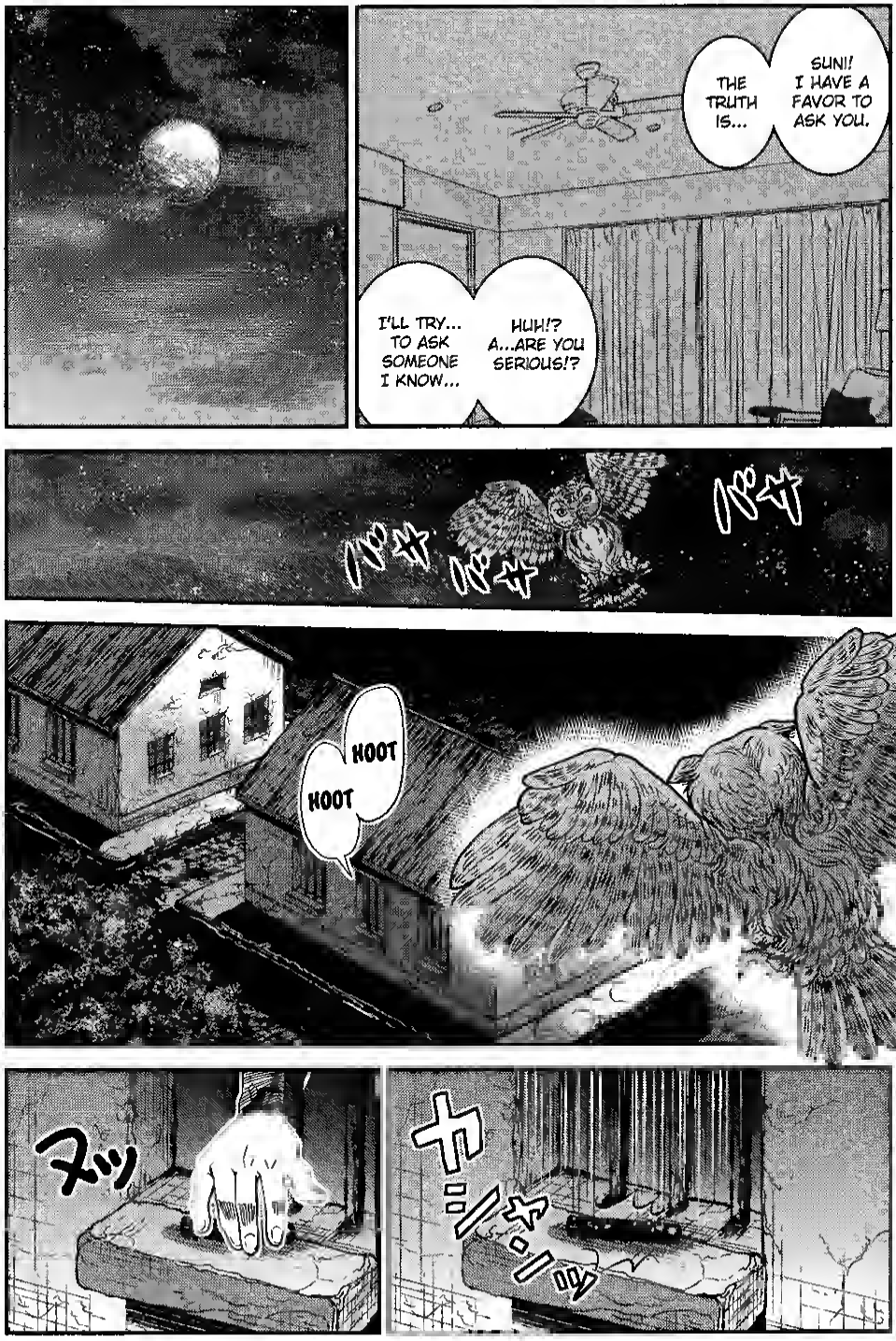
THAT'S IT...
EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE ANY ALLIES,
I HAVE... ENEMIES...!!


SUN!! I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.
THE TRUTH IS...
HUH!? A...ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
I'LL TRY... TO ASK SOMEONE I KNOW...
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CAPTAIN,
WE HAVE WORD FROM THE OUTSIDE!

THAT GIRL WE TRIED TO ASSASS-INATE!?
SHE'S THE ONE THAT SEDUCED THE CROWN PRINCE AND GOT US THROWN IN JAIL...!
IT'S A LETTER FROM THAT JAPANESE GIRL...
...HM ...!?
THIS IS...!
OH HO...
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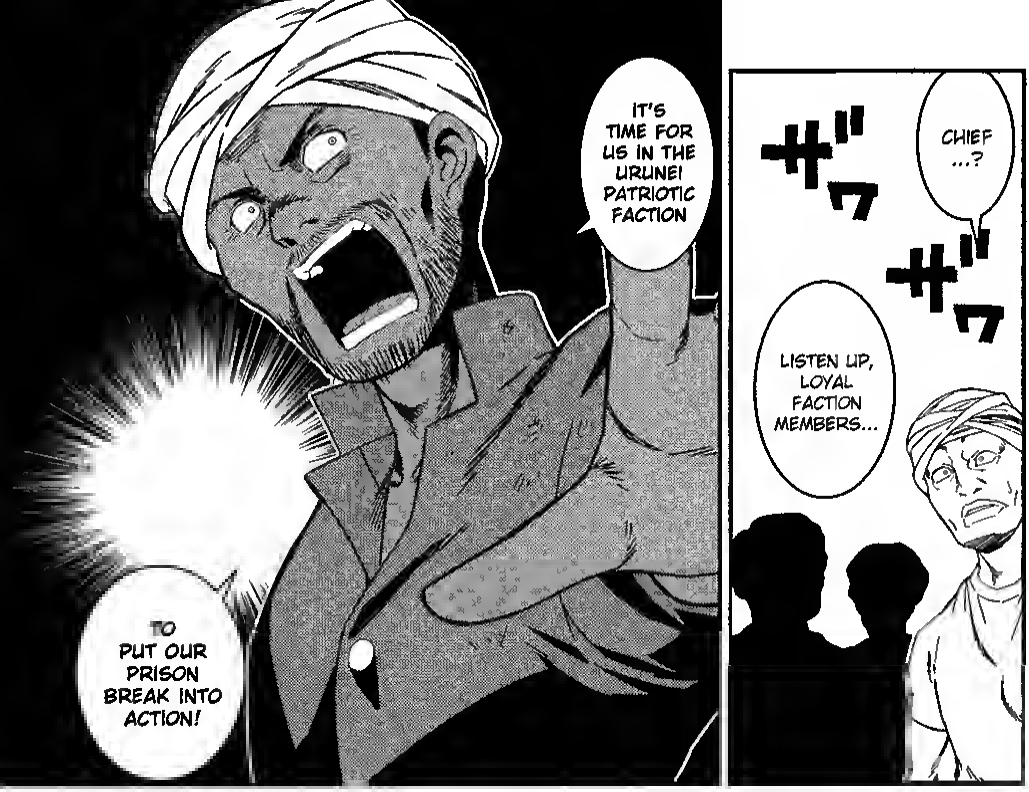
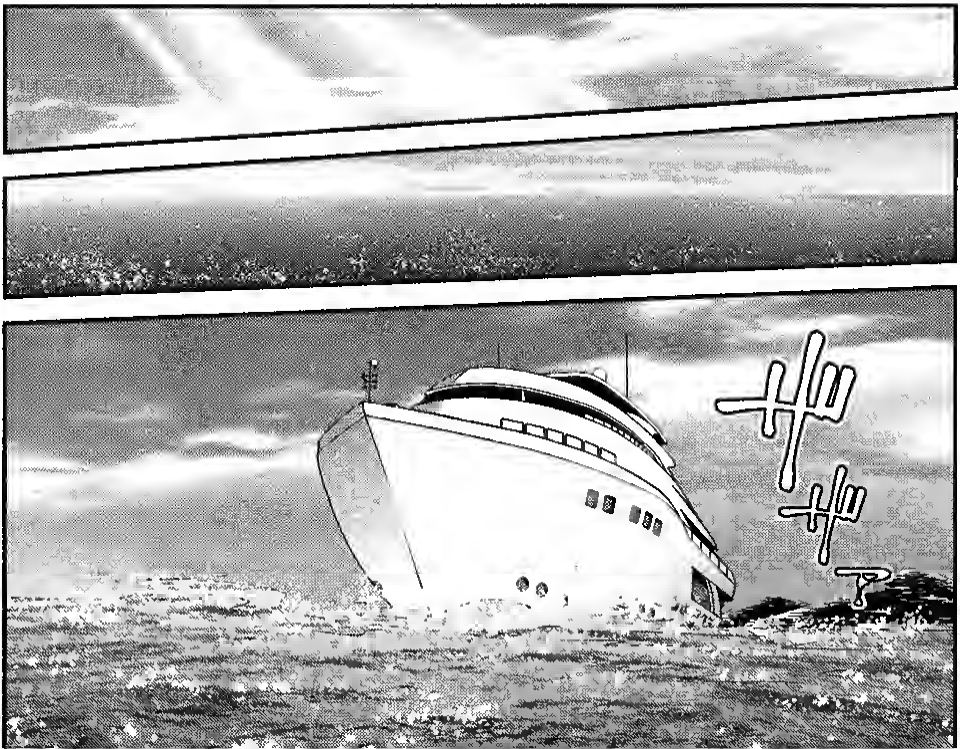
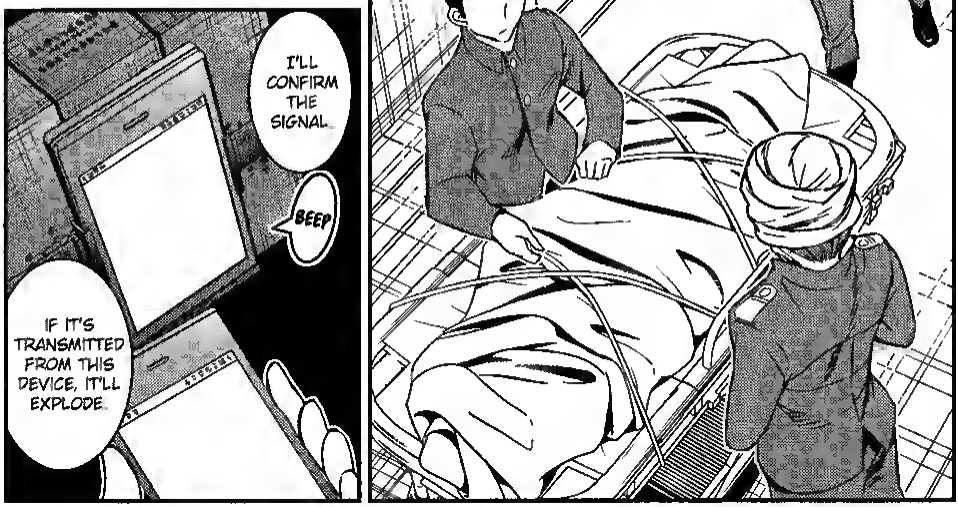
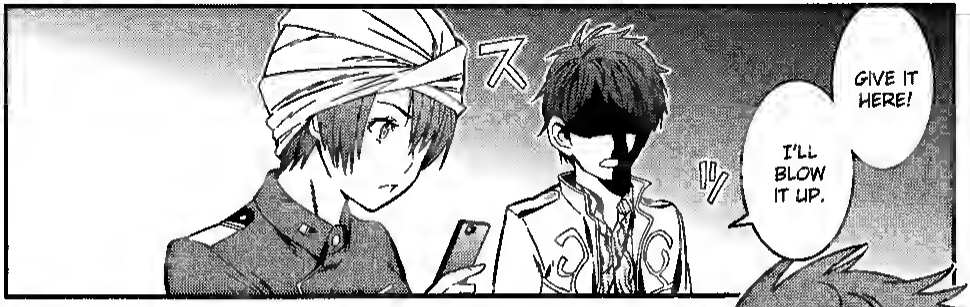
CAPTAIN ...?


IT'S TIME FOR US IN THE URUNE! PATRIOTIC FACTION
TO PUT OUR PRISON BREAK INTO ACTION!
CHIEF ...?
LISTEN UP, LOYAL FACTION MEMBERS...




I'LL CONFIRM THE SIGNAL.
BEEP
IF IT'S TRANSMITTED FROM THIS DEVICE, IT'LL EXPLODE.


GIVE IT HERE!
I'LL BLOW IT UP.

A FITTING DUTY FOR THE TRUE KING.
THIS IS THE SIGNAL GUN THAT WILL CHANGE URUNEI INTO A KINGDOM OF TRUTH.
THAT'S WHY WE'VE GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF COMING OUT HERE.
IT'S THE LEAST I CAN OFFER AS YOU DEPART, AHMAD..

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHAT WAS THAT!?
RE... REPORTING IN!
A SMALL BOAT RAMMED INTO THE SIDE OF THE HULL,
AND AN ARMED GROUP HAS INFILTRATED FROM THE FOREDECK!
THE ONE LEADING THEM...

IS PUTRI
HARIMAU!!

NAO!
NAO-SAMA!
AHMAD !!
ARE THESE THOSE GUYS FROM THE PATRIOTIC FACTION...?
TO THINK YOU'D EVEN GET THEM TO MOBILIZE FOR YOU.
I KNEW MY EYES WEREN'T PLAYING TRICKS ON ME
KUKU...
YOU REALLY ARE MY PUTRI HARIMAU...
I DON'T REMEMBER BELONGING TO YOU...!
GIVE ME BACK AHMAD!!

I'M SORRY!!
!!
UGGH!
WHOA THERE. DON'T MOVE, MONGRELS!
!
NICE WORK, MALIKA...
YOU'RE GOOD TO HAVE AROUND.
URGH...

AHMAD! AHMAD!!
DAMN IT! LET ME GO, YOU TRAITOR!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, NAO...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL CAN'T ACCEPT AHMAD'S DEATH.
BE QUIET, NAO-SAMA...
MALIKA... YOU BITCH...!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL LET YOU TAKE A GOOD LONG LOOK
AT AHMAD'S CORPSE...
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SHUT THE HELL UP...!
I NEVER EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS... HOW DID YOU WIN OVER THE PATRIOTIC FACTION?
EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE ENDED WITHOUT INCIDENT IF YOU HADN'T COME.
HUH ...?
ARRIVED TOO SOON.
YOU SIMPLY

A DOLL ...!?
WH...

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NOW WHAT!!?

WHAT'S GOING...
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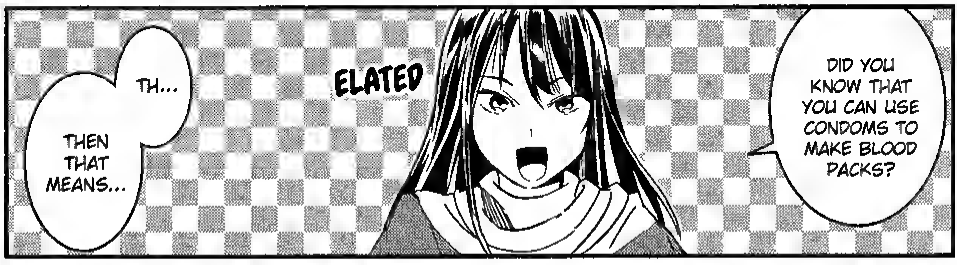
IT...
IT CAN'T BE!
YOU'RE...
YOU'RE !!
SO NOW I'M "YOU"?
SHOW SOME RESPECT.

RESTRAIN YOURSELF, JEMAL WAHID.
YOU'RE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CROWN PRINCE!

BUT... I SAW YOU DIE...!
YOU SHOULD HAVE CHECKED MY CORPSE, JEMAL!
SHE JUST SHOT ME WITH BLANKS TO MAKE IT LOOK REAL.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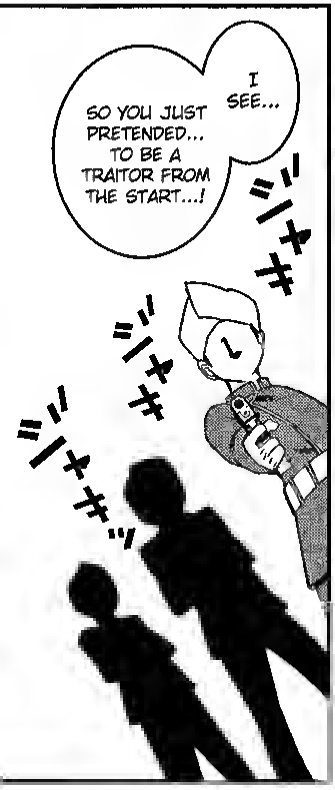
TH...
THEN THAT MEANS...
DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN USE CONDOMS TO MAKE BLOOD PACKS?


I SEE...
SO YOU JUST PRETENDED... TO BE A TRAITOR FROM THE START...!
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YOU'RE NOT FIT TO BE KING, JEMAL.
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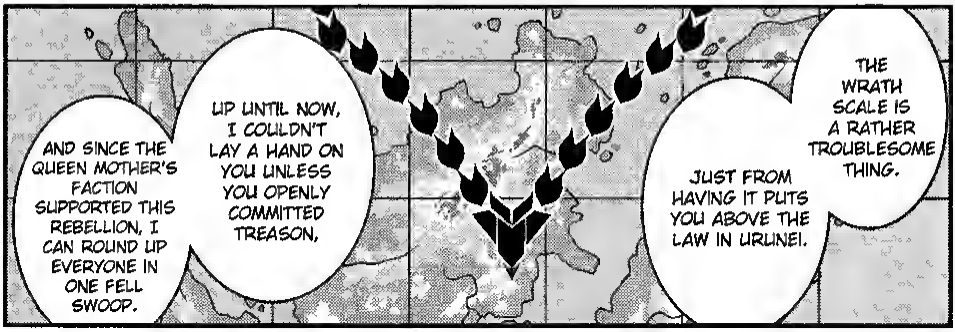
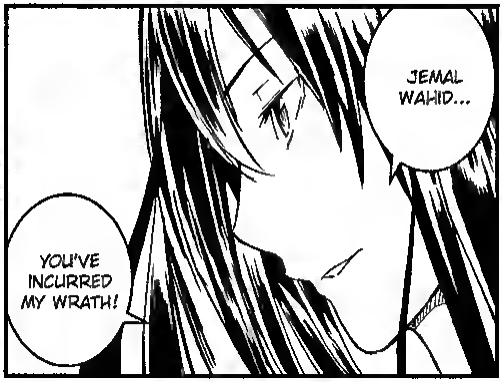
YOU'RE TOO CARELESS ...!


THE WRATH SCALE IS A RATHER TROUBLESOME THING.
JUST FROM HAVING IT PUTS YOU ABOVE THE LAW IN URUNEI.
UP UNTIL NOW, I COULDN'T LAY A HAND ON YOU UNLESS YOU OPENLY COMMITTED TREASON,
AND SINCE THE QUEEN MOTHER'S FACTION SUPPORTED THIS REBELLION, I CAN ROUND UP EVERYONE IN ONE FELL SWOOP.

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR HIGH TREASON!


JEMAL WAHID...
YOU'VE INCURRED MY WRATH!

YOU PHONIES ...!
LIKE HELL I'M GONNA DO WHAT YOU WANT!!

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I'LL
Ahmad!
I'LL

I'LL TAKE MY TRUTH WITH ME...
NAO ...!!
I'VE SNATCHED AWAY
I STOLE IT.
MY PUTRI HARIMAU.
THE TRUE

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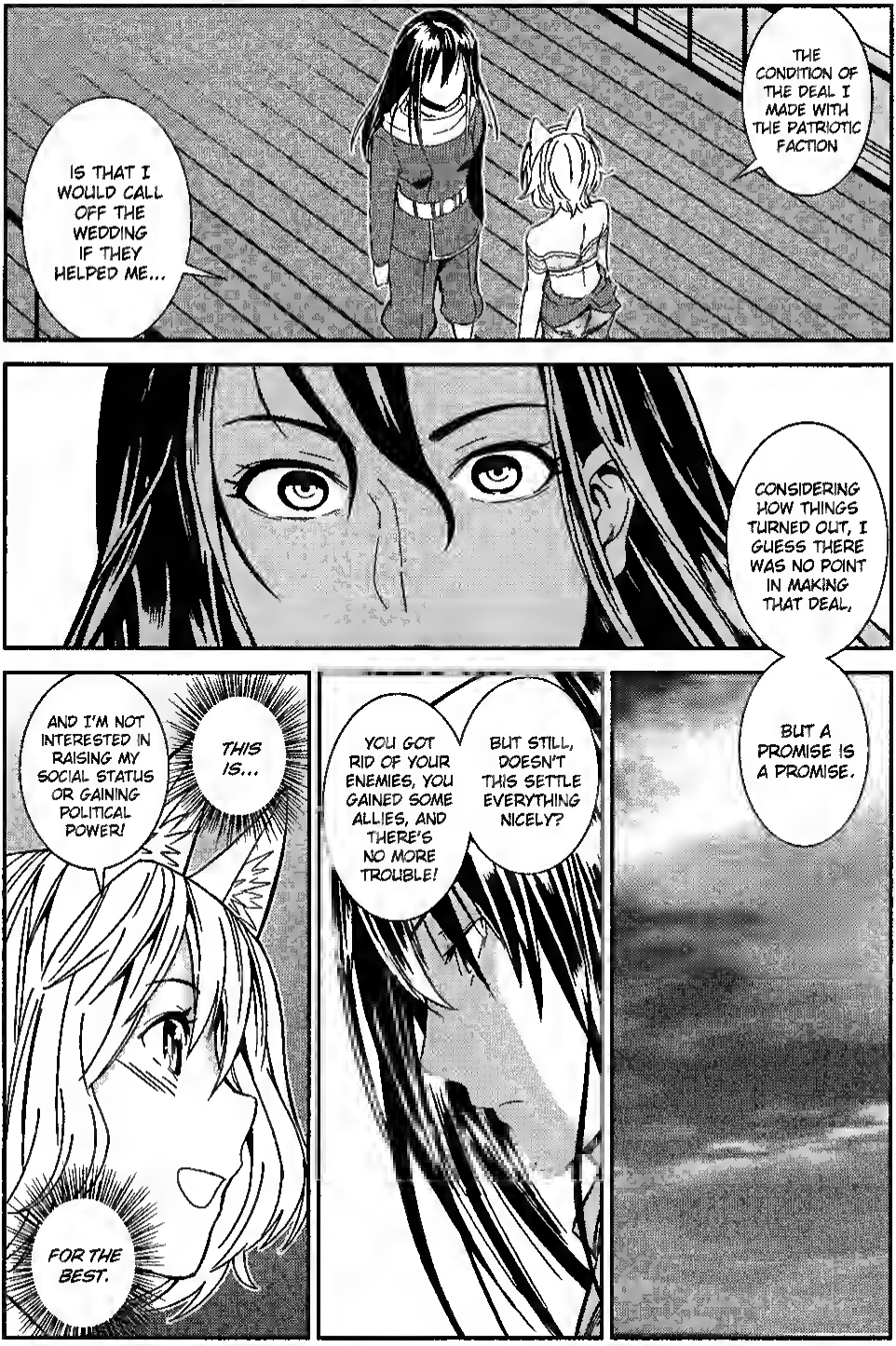
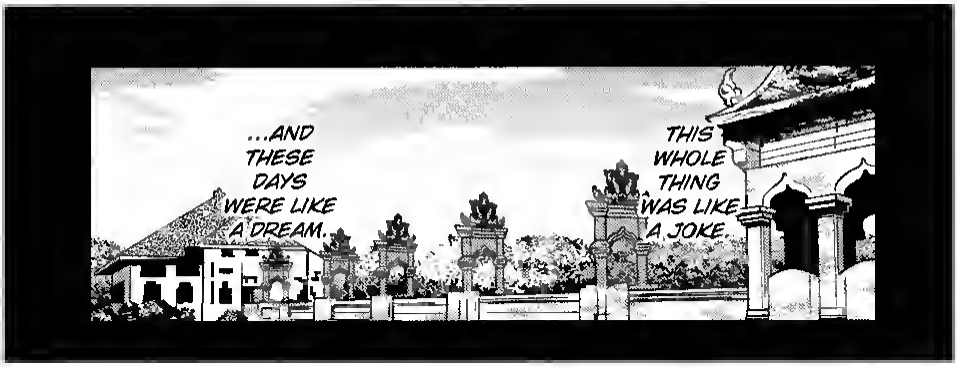
AHHH!
AHHH!
AHHH!

WHAT THE HELL
IS TRUTH ....!?
ARE YOU OKAY, NAO!!?
Cough
Cough
THERE'S A STRONG CURRENT AROUND HERE,
SO THE CHANCES OF BEING SAVED ARE PRETTY LOW IF YOU GO OVERBOARD.
AND WITH THOSE WOUNDS, JEMAL IS PROBABLY...
YEAH...
WELL...I DELIVERED THE FINAL BLOW...
Ohhh!
HOW COURA-GEOUS ...!

NAO...
SORRY, AHMAD...
BUT COULD YOU GIVE ME SOME SPACE?
ARE YOU MAD...
THAT I DID THIS WITHOUT TELLING YOU...?
THAT'S NOT IT...
I CAN'T BE
"PUTRI HARIMAU" ANYMORE.


THE CONDITION OF THE DEAL I MADE WITH THE PATRIOTIC FACTION
IS THAT I WOULD CALL OFF THE WEDDING IF THEY HELPED ME...
CONSIDERING HOW THINGS TURNED OUT, I GUESS THERE WAS NO POINT IN MAKING THAT DEAL,
BUT A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.
BUT STILL, DOESN'T THIS SETTLE EVERYTHING NICELY?
YOU GOT RID OF YOUR ENEMIES, YOU GAINED SOME ALLIES, AND THERE'S NO MORE TROUBLE!
THIS IS...
AND I'M NOT INTERESTED IN RAISING MY SOCIAL STATUS OR GAINING POLITICAL POWER!
FOR THE BEST.


...AND THESE DAYS WERE LIKE A DREAM.
THIS WHOLE THING WAS LIKE A JOKE.

SO... THIS IS
THIS IS

REALLY OKAY WITH THIS, NAO?
SO YOU'RE...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, STUPID?
ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?
Ha ha!

OF COURSE!
OF COURSE

EVEN IF THIS IS
THE LAST TIME WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER?

I'm not...
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okay with it...!

N...NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
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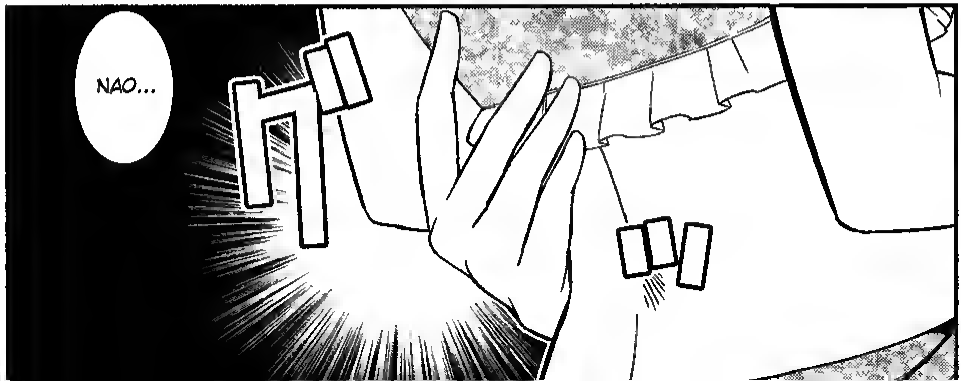
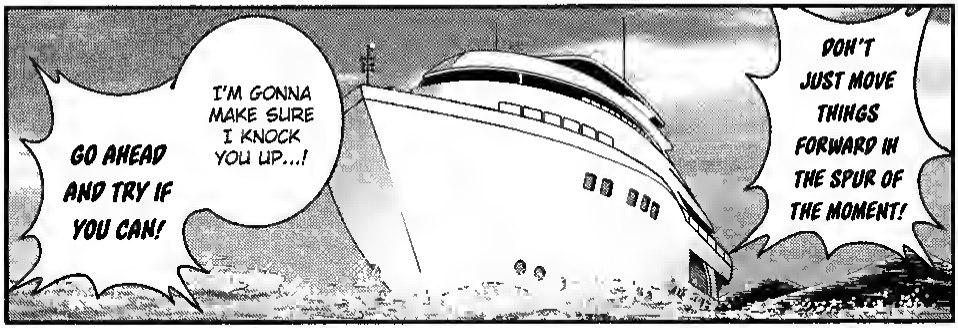
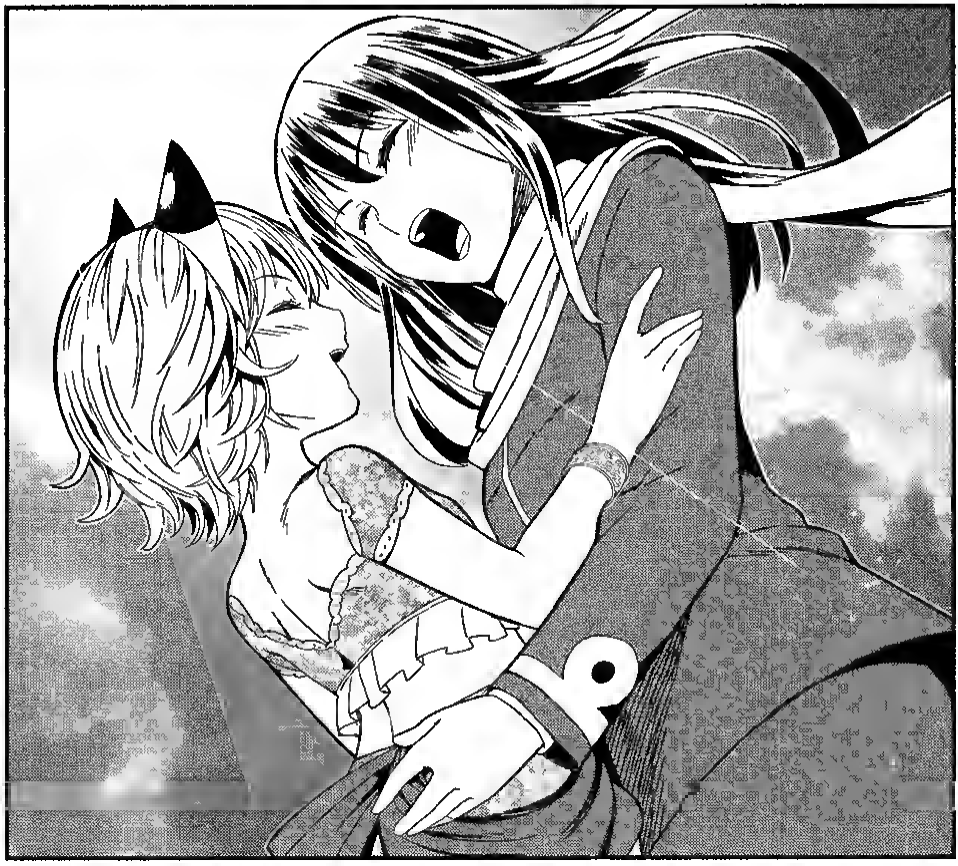
THIS IS... JUST...
H...
HUH?
!
SO STARTING TODAY, ALL OF US IN THE PATRIOTIC FACTION
YOU HAVE THE CALIBER OF ANY ONE OF US IN URUNEI,
AND THE GRACIOUSNESS TO STEP ASIDE EVEN WHILE DISTINGUISHING YOURSELF
THE GENEROSITY TO SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR ENEMIES,
YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY FOR THE CROWN PRINCE
WE'RE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT...!

WILL REVERE YOU, YOUR MAJESTY PUTRI HARIMAU NAO, AS THE CROWN PRINCESS,
AND WE PLEDGE TO YOU OUR LIFETIME LOYALTY...!
EH...?
WHOA... HUH?
THREE CHEERS...
FOR PUTRI HARIMAU!!
HURRAY!
HURRAY!
HURRAY!
HURRAY!


NAO...

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS!
LET'S PREPARE FOR THE WEDDING WHEN WE GET BACK!!
HUH?
THIS IS YOUR COUNTRY,
THESE ARE YOUR PEOPLE,
AND I'M HERE... FOR YOU.
DID YOU THINK I'D LET YOU GO SO EASILY?
YO...YOU IDIOT! IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE...
AHMAD...



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THE SHOOTING STARS ARE TEARS,
AND THE ROARING SEA IS AN ELEGY.
EVEN NOW, THAT KISS WE SHARED TO BIND US TOGETHER,
AFTER 100 YEARS OF DAYS AND 1,000 YEARS OF NIGHTS,
STILL REMAINS ON THIS ISLAND JUST AS ON THAT DAY LONG AGO...
TRANSLATED FROM THE URUNEIAN FOLK SONG "PUTRI HARIMAU SERENADE"

I SHOWED YOU THE SWORD BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO EXAMINE IT...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW!?
HMM...
RAFFLES HOTEL
PUZZL-ING?
I SAID THAT IT'S PUZZLING.
I DIDN'T SAY I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
OH? YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S TINY.
THERE'S AN ENGRAVING OF A DRAGON ON THE BASE OF THE BLADE.
LOOK AT THIS.
VERY PUZZLING.

KORYUU KAGEMITSU?
BUT FROM THE SHAPE, IT RESEMBLES "KORYUU KAGEMITSU".
I WON'T KNOW ANY DETAILS UNLESS WE SHOW IT TO A SPECIALIST...
BUT IF THIS SWORD IS KORYUU KAGEMITSU,
THERE'S NO WAY IT SHOULD BE HERE.
SO THEN WHICH IS IT...?
...OTHER THAN THAT, IT LOOKS JUST TOO SIMILAR.
HMM...
HM?
KORYUU KAGEMITSU IS A PRICELESS SWORD FORGED DURING THE KAMAKURA PERIOD.
LEGEND HAS IT THAT KUSUNOKI MASASHIGE ONCE OWNED IT, BUT IT SHOULD CURRENTLY BE DISPLAYED AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.
THEN DOESN'T THAT MAKE THIS A DIFFERENT SWORD!?

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OHH...
OH...
NAOTORA! LOOK! LOOK!!
SHUT UP ALREADY... WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL EXCITED...
IF THE LIGHT REFLECTED OFF THE BLADE...
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IS PROJECTED ONTO THE WALL...
WHA !?

"A CLAW AND A FANG REST BETWEEN THE WAVES."
"NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH THEM."
"I'M THE TIGER'S LEGACY"...
URUNEIAN SCRIPT...!
THIS IS A MAP... AND
THE TIGER'S ...
LEGACY ...!

*to be continued?*